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**DOETINCHEM - Slangenburg Castle** is located in the forest of the same name between the towns of Varsseveld and Doetinchem, about 5 kilometers from the latter. The castle was constructed in the Late Medieval period. In the 17th century the castle became the property of General Frederik Johan van Baer, also known as General Slangenburg, who rebuilt it for residential purposes. At present the castle is used as a guesthouse by the nearby Benedictine monastery. More on pages 14 & 15

**Important:** The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.  
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

## Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 1 April	<b><u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u></b>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$ 7.00	
Thursday 12 April	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Thursday 26 April	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 27 April	<b><u>"End of The Month Drinks"</u></b>	5.30-7.30 pm
	EoMD celebrates "Koninginne Dag" with a "Speelgoed en Kinderkleding Ruil"	
Sunday 29 April	<b><u>"Koninginne Dag- Open Day"</u></b>	11.00-3.00 pm
	Free Entry	
	More details on page 12	
Sat 5 May	<b><u>"Bevrijdings Dag"</u></b> & <b><u>"Remembrance Day"</u></b>	
	More details on page 8	
Sunday 6 May	<b><u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u></b>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$ 7.00	
Thursday 10 May	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Sunday 20 May	<b><u>"Dutch Movie Afternoon"</u></b>	Noon
	Cost: \$10.00 includes lightLunch	
	More details on page 10	
Thursday 24 May	<b><u>"DJVV Club"</u></b> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Saturday 26 May	<b><u>"DACWA Event"</u></b>	2.00-5.00pm
Sunday 3 June	<b><u>"Private Members Party"</u></b>	
Sunday 10 June	<b><u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u></b>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$ 7.00	
Sunday 17 June	<b><u>"Sunday Brunch"</u></b>	10.00 am

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## Private Members Parties:

**For bookings of Private Members Parties or information that is not in this magazine, please phone:**  
**Pieter Leeftang on: 9364 6703 or Gerry Creemers on: 9356 4207**

**Costs for using our Clubhouse facilities are:**

Use of Hall	\$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	\$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	\$100.00 (Incl. GST)

**Dear members,**

I am quite overwhelmed by the responses I had from our members.

Firstly let me ease your concerns by stating that I am not ill, but Joke and I are somewhat tired of our present lifestyle and our never ending

commitments to Neerlandia and we desperately do want to make lifestyle changes, which will involve more walking, swimming, cycling and of course traveling.

And my main New Year's resolution was about all that. Everyone knows it is very easy to make a New Year's Resolution, but most of those made at New Year fail.

But to make a resolution and have it come to fruition, one has to do a lot of analysing, careful planning and have plenty of determination and will-power.

With that approach anything can be achieved.

And that is exactly what I am doing stage by stage.

For instance, I love playing golf and I am, or rather I was, the president of the South East Golf Club.

Well at their AGM last Saturday I declined their nomination for the President's position. Great, another burden gone!

On the Neerlandia front there is also good news.

I have had two positive responses for assistance with the preparation and mailing of the magazine.

At the time of writing this is being followed up with interviews. That will be another 8 hours per month freed up.

Gerry Creemers will take over the complete running and organising of the monthly Sunday Drives. At the last Sunday drive she did make a start on that. Thanks Gerry.

Also I am no longer the Neerlandia delegate on the ANSWA Committee, that is now Henry Koldenhoven.

On the home front Joke and I have also been very busy to make sure our house and gardens are getting in tip-top condition. This, for a very obvious reason.

Some members have tried to make me feel guilty for giving the Neerlandia Presidency away with pictures of doom and gloom. Let me assure you that one person leaving should have no bearing on a club that is travelling well. The other Committee Members know very well what is required and just need to put their shoulders to the wheel so to speak.



Let me also explain that I have been a member of the Neerlandia Committee in various functions from 1969-1979 and again from 1997-2012. This is 25 years of service given to the Dutch Community.

I have loved doing it, am proud of the achievements but have no regrets for calling it a day as my brain tells me that I need to break now, while I am still in good health.

Having said all that, I am still willing to stay involved, if required, as the editor of the Neerlandia Magazine. Most of that work can be done these days by computer from home or anywhere else for that matter.

## **Neerlandia Shop Easter Specials:**

For those members that are looking for something extra at Easter, Alex has a few specials that are too good to refuse.

Instead of buying expensive Easter Eggs and plain Hot Cross Buns, why not by Dutch Chocolate Letters and Weinacht Stolle at rock bottom prices!!

Easter is also the time to eat fish but it is expensive.

The Dutch Mackerel and Herring available at our shop at good prices are a good alternative.

## **Membership Fees:**

Last months we did send out gentle reminders to all those members who had not renewed their 2012 Membership or their Magazine Subscription.

I would like to thank all of you that have responded so promptly, some even included a small donation for paying late. Great stuff and very welcome!

However, there are still a few out there that have not paid their fees as yet! Running a club like Neerlandia is an expensive business and we can do with all the financial help we can get, which includes your membership fees.

This is also important for another reason as your Committee has decided that the April Magazine will be the last one you will receive if no response is received.

## **Dutch Movie:**

On Sunday the 20th of May we will hold a Dutch Movie afternoon in the clubhouse. A light lunch will be served before the movie starts and details can be found in the Movie Advertisement on the clubhouse notice boards or in this Magazine.

The recently made movie that will be shown is the story of a young lad during the last, icy cold, winter of the 2nd world war. The movie has already won several awards and is a must see.

*(De mooiste Nederlandse film van de laatste jaren)*

**Pieter Leeftang**  
**Your President**



# March Sunday Klaverjas Drive and In Memoriam

## March Sunday Klaverjas Drive:

On Sunday the 4th of March our monthly Klaverjas Drive was held and as it was a beautiful day, it seemed to encourage people to leave their houses. We had 32 players that turned up, which meant that we had 8 playing tables of 4 people each.



**The game of Klaverjassen can be taken quite seriously as Corrie van Rijt, Bep Banken, Nola Vermeer and Irma van der Kwast show.**

This was good as it meant that everyone, including myself for once, could participate in the competition. Gerry Creemers, a Neerlandia Committee Member who



**But sometimes the game is quite lighthearted as Tinie Swart, Mia Huntjes, Jan Lagerwey and Peter Segers show.**

is always willing to assist, has put up her hand that she wanted to learn how to organise and take control of the Sunday Drives. This offer was greatly appreciated and she started her apprenticeship so to speak, so that in future she can run these events all by herself.

Gerry is not a strong Klaverjas player herself, not having played for many years, but she knows the fundamentals of the game and she was allocated three easy-going players, who coached her rather than berated her for making mistakes. After a slow start she built up her confidence and she played quite all right.

Players started to arrive from 10.15 am onward, they settled in with a cup of coffee and at 11.00 am it was all hands on deck. After two rounds it was time for lunch, prepared by Thea de Koning and Irma van der Kwast. Thank you ladies.



**Lunch is always appreciated as shown by Barbera Penello, Ria Nissen, Rinus van der Ende & Karel Bakker.**

Two more rounds and the scores started to trickle in. After 6 score-cards were handed in it looked like a pretty tight competition. But that all changed when the last two cards were handed in as all of a sudden we had a run-away winner and a second placegetter also with a pretty good score.

These winners were:

1st prize:	Pieter Leeftang	7433 points
2nd prize:	Barbera Penello	6970 points
3rd prize:	Aat Kievit	6775 points

The next Sunday Drive will be held on Sunday the 1st of April. This is April's Fools Day but do not let that stop you from attending.

**Pieter**

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Passed away on the 23rd of February,  
our Honorary Member

### Marijke Mulder

Our sincere condolences go to her family  
from the Card & Bolivia Club Neerlandia,  
the Jeugd van Vroeger and  
the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA

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Passed away on the 16th of February

### Maria Neervoort

Our Sincere condolences go to her family  
from the DJVV (Jeugd van Vroeger)  
and the Dutch Society Neerlandia



**May They Rest in Peace.**

**Sunday Klaverjas Drives.**

*De eerstvolgende  
Klaverjas Drives  
worden gehouden  
op Zondag 1 April  
en Zondag 6 Mei*

**Kosten: \$7.00 per persoon.**

Kom gezellig Klaverjassen in het  
Neerlandia Clubhuis.

De prijzen zijn te goed bonnen  
voor onze winkel.

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de toegangsprijs  
inbegrepen.

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**AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:**

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	9.3am—12.30 pm

**PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN  
ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE  
SHOP IS OPEN:**

Every 2nd Tuesday from:  
10.00 am—12 noon  
Every Wednesday from:  
11.00 am—1.00 pm

# End of Month Drinks

The next End of month Drinks will be held  
on Friday the 27th of April 2012, when we will celebrate  
Koninginne dag. See the advertisement on page 19.

The Clubhouse will be open from 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm  
Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with  
old friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a  
Dutch snack or just a cup of coffee!

Available from our Kitchen:

Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! Broodje Krokot! Broodje  
Frikandel! Broodje Rookworst! Bitterballen! Chips!

The Neerlandia "Winkel" will be open!

*Everyone welcome - Everyone welcome - Everyone welcome.*

### End of Month Drinks February 2012:

The temperature was a pleasant low thirties so we had the "Kinderparadijs" open to give the kids their own area.

Barrie, the friendly barkeeper, was unavailable that evening but Ray Schaafsma offered to assist me behind the bar – thank goodness he was there: that evening we counted well over a hundred patrons who attended our End of Month Borrel.

Luckily enough, while setting up for the night, we had incorporated the big hall and many people sat down at the big tables so that it was easy to catch up with each other while enjoying traditional Dutch snacks.

A Dutch delegation, that had attended an oil and gas Exhibition in the Convention Center that week, visited the club to catch up with each other on their way home to Amsterdam.

Marieke's suggestion to sell "Kindermenu'tjes" appeared to be very popular and we must have sold at least 30 of them, all served on brightly colored plates.

The volunteers were working hard as well and they obviously enjoyed the energy of the evening.

We are now quietly hoping that we have entered a new era with our monthly social on the last Friday of the month. Catching up once a month has proven to be satisfactory, as we all have busy lives with lots of social commitments. We could however have the club open longer on those Fridays of each month, providing we find more volunteers to assist with the bar and the kitchen.

If you are interested in having the Club open longer for the End of Month drinks, let us know that you are a volunteer so that we can make it happen.

Thank you for your support!

### GET WELL SOON

**To those members who are not feeling too well, who are ill, injured or who are battling a severe illness, the Neerlandia Committee wish you all the very best and above all, a full and speedy recovery.**



### Spotlight on ...

... **Aat Kievit**, the man with the camera around his neck! For as long as we can remember Aat with his camera has attended all social functions and important occasions Neerlandia related. It is predominantly due to Aat's efforts and dedication that Neerlandia can fall back on hundreds of archived photographs, a legacy of Neerlandia's 40+ years of history. Thanks Aat!

.... **Karin Eastwood**, DACWA's Office Manager. When Karin returned from a trip to The Netherlands, she came back with new wigs for the Zwarte Pieten and with a more skin- and user-friendly black makeup for the Sint Nicholaas' servants. Thank you Karin for donating those goodies to Neerlandia – in December the children (and the Pieten) will enjoy your generous gifts.

.... **Donations:** In March we received donations from **Johanna van Dijk, Maria Nissen, Johanna van Zijl, Tony van Merwijk and Jannie van Praag.**

On behalf of the Neerlandia Committee I would like to thank you all for your kind gesture. Please rest assured that your donation will be used to the benefit of Dutch Club Neerlandia and its Members.

### Neerlandia Membership Renewal:

If you have not yet renewed your Neerlandia membership or renewed your Magazine Subscription for 2012, this April issue will be the last of the Neerlandia Magazines you will be receiving until your payment has been received: Means of payment are as follows:

- ... send your filled out membership with cheque or Credit Card details (Visa or Mastercard) to The Secretary, Dutch Club Neerlandia, PO Box 200, Wembley WA 6319 or
- ... pay directly to Freda during the Wednesday Card Club or
- ... pay directly to Anne or Vera (bar) during DJVV or
- ... pay directly to the President on the Thursday Klaverjas or
- ... pay directly to Vera during Choir rehearsals on Saturday morning

**Annual Membership Fees, which include receiving our Neerlandia magazine are as follows:**



# More from the Secretary's desk & April birthdays

**Ordinary Member:** \$60.00  
(1st member of Household)  
**Associate Member:** \$35.00  
(2nd Member of Household, Spouse/Partner)  
**Concession Member:** \$35.00  
(Seniors and Country Members)  
**Magazine Subscription only:** \$25.00  
(Membership Application Forms are available in the clubhouse or from our secretary)  
**The Secretary,**  
**Lianna Parker**

## De Jeugd Van Vroeger,

Aangaande het vertrek van onze voorzitter en penningmeester hield de DJVV een Buitengewone Vergadering op 15 Maart. Een nieuw bestuur werd gekozen dat bestaat uit de volgende personen:  
Wilma Mitchel is nu voortzitster  
Tea De Koning is 2<sup>de</sup> Voorzitster.  
Tilly Stulcbauer is Penningmeester  
Frieda Hovingh is 2<sup>de</sup> Penningmeester.  
An Hotz is Secretaresse  
Helma Kleine is 2<sup>de</sup> Secretaresse.  
Tea Bloks, Corry Smit en Willy Verbruggen zijn Committie leden.  
Zo hopen we nog een tijdje door te kunnen gaan. Het ledental gaat wel achteruit maar we doen alles om het iedereen naar de zin te maken. Maar, we worden allemaal een een dagje ouder! Tot de volgende keer,  
**An Hotz**  
(Secretary)

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!! THE FOLLOWING ARE NOW MEMBERS OF THE DUTCH SOCIETY NEERLANDIA

Keith Hart  
Sandra Spaan-Olsthoorn  
Margaret Kerr  
Joop Lubout  
Elly Lubout,  
Gerrie Visser  
John Erkins

The following Members will celebrate their birthday during **the month of April 2012.**  
We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday !**

Heinz Marquardt  
Johan Fuchter  
Ben Stoffels  
Corrie Teeuw  
Frank Linscheer  
Janie Geers  
Louise Chatburn  
Theo van Lierop  
Frans Roozendaal  
Vicenta Roozendaal  
Barbara Penello  
Lou Dingjan  
Carla Lenz  
Peter Raayen  
Leonie Willson  
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Anton Gradisen  
Dora van der List  
Klaas Zuideveld  
Anna Mansveld  
Mia Boshart  
Jacoba van Emden  
Henk Ekamper  
Tini Swart  
Peter Meinema  
Nico van der Waarden  
Bernadette Vermeij  
John Keemink  
Wim Deugd  
Bob Moermond  
Dirk Heistek  
Rea van Zelst  
Jettie Mulder  
Sonja van der Feltz



If your birthday is not mentioned or the details are not correct, this means that we have the incorrect data entered in our membership database.

Or you may wish that your birthday is not mentioned at all.

To make changes you need to contact our **Membership Administrator:**

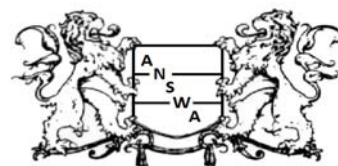
**Marieke van den Berg.**

**Her E-mail address is:**

**mariekevandenber@westnet.com.au**



## THE ASSOCIATED NETHERLANDS SOCIETIES OF WA (ANSWA) and THE DUTCH SOCIETY NEERLANDIA



Would like to invite members & friends of the Dutch Community in WA to attend:

**'The Dutch National Liberation Day'**  
with a 'Remembrance Memorial Service'  
At the Dutch Annex - Perth War Cemetery  
in Smyth Road, Nedlands.

The date: Saturday the 5th May 2012

The time: 9.30 am for a 10 am start

"The Dutch Singers & Carine Cadets as Guard of Honour will be present"

*After the Service at approximately 11.15 am you are invited to attend a friendly  
get-together at the clubhouse of the Dutch Society Neerlandia which is  
at 230 Cambridge Street, Wembley.*

*Snacks will be available from the kitchen and drinks from the bar.*

For more information please contact:

ANSWA Secretary Henny Crijns

or

Neerlandia Representative

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Henri Koldenhoven

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All mail to be addressed to:

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# DE NEERLANDIA WINKEL

## Easter Specials: Chocolate Letters & Weihnacht Stolle

### Also available:

- ... Bitterballen, Kroketten & Friandellen.
- ... Van Wees Rookworst.
- ... Leidse & Goudse Kaas
- ... **Zoute Haring & Gerookte Makreel**
- ... Ontbijtkoek, Gember Koek en Candij Koek
- ... Groenten in glas en in blik
- ... Piccalilly & Zoet-Zure Augurken. (Bommen of Party Sticks)
- ... Zoute Drop, Stroopwafels, Gesorteerde Koekjes & Beschuit
- ... Gestampte Muisjes, Hagelslag, Fruithagel & Chocolate Vlokken
- ... Amandel Koeken, Kano's, Amsterdammers & Speculaasjes en Speculaas Brokken

## De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

- |                                       |                         |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Elke Woensdag                         | van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm  |
| Elke tweede Dinsdag (non - DJVV week) | van 11.00 am - noon     |
| Elke tweede Donderdag (DJVV week)     | van 11.00 am - 2.00 pm  |
| Elke Donderdag avond                  | van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm |
| Iedere Vrijdag                        | van 10.00 am - noon     |

**De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de  
bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden**



# End of the Month Drinks in February

## The February End of the Month Drinks:

This was held on Friday the 25th of February and once again we were pleasantly surprised.

We expected a reasonable turn-out of people and made a few preparations. As the weather was kind we did open



the Children's Paradise area and we also prepared the Main Hall for a possible overflow area so that those who wanted to sit down while consuming some snacks or have



If playing games is not your style, colouring in is always fun

a quiet talk could do so in comfort.

However, that well over 100 people showed up was way above everyone's expectations and all of us were tickled



pink with this result. It proves that the hard work put in by Lianna, Marieke and their group of helpers is starting to pay off in a big way. Even more important is that slowly



Sylvia, Toos and Frans Indrisie were enjoying a quiet drink in the main hall.

but surely Neerlandia's long-term future is beginning to look a lot rosier.

The kitchen, with the help of young volunteers ran like clockwork and in the bar Ray Schaafsma, who filled in for Barrie Parker, showed he had lost none of his bar skill.

During the week Neerlandia provided 300 packets of Stroopwafels to the Dutch delegation at the Oil & Gas Exhibition at the Perth Convention centre. After 3 days of hard work, it was time for a large group to unwind and socialise at Neerlandia before flying back to Amsterdam the next morning.

It is a great feeling to finally reap rewards for all the hard work put in by a group of dedicated committee members with volunteer helpers.

**Pieter Leeftang.**



There was an oil and gas convention in Perth and about 40 staff flew over from the Netherlands for this. Pictured here are 5 of the 14 that attended our clubhouse.



Our newest Committee Member Robert van Straalen and his wife Diane volunteered to look after our shop and that brought back a lot of memories for them.



# Movie Afternoon

Sunday 20 May

## An exiting, recently made Dutch Movie

This be shown on the large Screen in our Clubhouse.  
(See Clubhouse Posters for more exact details)

When: Sunday the 20th of May

Time: The Clubhouse doors will open at 11.30.

On arrival you will find a self-serve Coffee Bar with biscuits.  
At noon a light Lunch will be supplied by our Kitchen Volunteers,  
which will consist of a slice of Apricot Loaf A "Belegd Broodje"  
and of course Coffee is freely available.

The bar will be open for those that do not drink coffee

At 1.00 pm will start the movie which will last until about 2.45 pm.

Cost: \$10.00 per person. (To cover the costs of the lunch)

**For catering purposes booking is essential**

**Please contact:**

**Gerry Creemers on: 9356 4207  
or Pieter Leeftang on: 9364 6703**



From left to right: Ton van Bergeijk - banjo, guitar; Onno de Bruijn - drums; Maurits Woudenberg - trombone; Band Leader Bob Kaper - clarinet alto sax & vocals; Adrie Braat - double base; Frits Katee - clarinet, baritone, tenor & soprano sax; Keesjan Hoogetboom - trumpet & vocals.

## The Dutch Swing College Band came to town.

This famous Dutch Jazz Band visited Western Australia during the first week of March and they performed in Mandurah, Bunbury and in Perth. A 900 strong audience in the Perth Concert Hall thoroughly enjoyed a foot tapping evening. The band lived up to their reputation as one of the best in their business and those that like jazz and did not attend, missed the DSC at their best.

**Pieter Leeftang.**

## NEERLANDIA COMPUTER LESSONS

*Our computer lessons for beginners have started up once again and will be conducted by Ad Liebrechts and/or Alf Ukich on Friday mornings in the Clubhouse from 10.00 am – noon.*

They will be able to assist you with your software problems, but you need to bring your own laptop.

Please contact Ad Liebrechts.

Tel: 9279 7383



*This service is free for our Members, but there will be a small charge for Coffee served.*

## Can You help?

### Spekulaas Forms:

I am looking for Spekulaas Planken – small or large.

Please contact:  
Henny Crijns  
on 94546879  
or 0423165945



### Ontbijtkoek advice:

One of our members wants to home-bake "Ontbijtkoek or Gemberkoek". She has various recipes, but they all say it is rather difficult to get it right.

Has anyone got any experience with baking Ontbijtkoek and if they have, could they contact Jose and share their experience and some tips?

E-mail: J.vandenAkker@curtin.edu.au

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# *Neerlandia's Oranje Dag*



*Neerlandia will celebrate  
“Koninginne Dag” on  
Sunday the 29th of April*

**The Clubhouse will be open from: 11.00 am — 3.00 pm**

**On our large screen we will show DVD's of the Queen and the Royal family, details to be announced.**

**By popular demand we will also have a Herring Stall!**

*And the Kitchen will be open for:*

**Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart!**

**Broodje Kroket! Broodje Rookworst! Broodje Frikandel  
Belegd Broodje! Bitterballen! Chips!**

*The Shop will be open*

*And try some “Oranje Bitters” from our Bar*

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### KLAAGLIED VAN EEN GEPENSIONEERDE

Ik heb veertig jaar geploeterd, ik heb moeten  
werken als een paard  
Ik heb nu een leuk pensioentje en we hebben wat  
gespaard  
We wonen in een aardig huisje met als voortuin een  
plantsoen  
Ik dacht: nou ga ik lekker rusten, omdat ik niets  
meer hoeft te doen.

Ik werk wel door, zei moe venijnig, ik word nooit  
gepensioneerd  
Het is niet meer dan recht en billijk, dat je mij wat  
assisteert  
Ik hou van netjes en gezellig en mijn huisje in  
fatsoen  
Goed, zei ik, ik zal wel helpen, omdat ik toch niets  
heb te doen.

's Morgens moet ik al beginnen als stofzuiger  
machinist  
Ik zuig van boven naar beneden, geen hoekje wordt  
gemist.  
Ik kan nu ook al koffie zetten en ik was, ik strijk en  
boen  
Ik dek de tafel, was de kopjes, omdat ik toch niets  
heb te doen.

We hebben achter ook een moestuin, die moet  
worden uitgebuit  
Dat kun je zelf wel, zei mijn eega, dat scheelt ons  
een hele duit  
En nou sta ik maar te spitten, poot andijvie, sla en  
meloen  
Ik heb de blaren op mijn handen, omdat ik toch  
niets heb te doen.

Mijn vrouw heeft ook twee grote poezen, die zijn zo  
goed, zeg ze, en mak  
Ze geven kopjes en ze spinners, maar ik zit met de  
kattenbak  
En die krenge kunnen miauwen, maar ja dat ligt  
aan het seizoen  
Dan komt de kater van de burens, omdat die ook  
niets heeft te doen

Is mijn kleinzoon soms wat knorrig, doet hij niks  
dan kattenkwaad  
Dan zegt mijn dochter: ga naar je opa, die weet met  
zijn tijd geen raad  
Zij en oma gaan dan winkelen en in 't restaurant een

bakkie doen  
En ik?? Ik speel met mijn kleinzoon indiaantje,  
omdat ik toch niets heb te doen.

Mijn vrouw gaat vaak op theevisite, zij vermaakt  
zich opperbest  
En als ze dan voldaan weer thuiskomt, vindt ze het  
opgemaakte nest  
Eigenlijk ben ik een klungel, maar wat kun je  
daaraan doen?  
Oma, heeft het heft in handen, omdat ik toch niets  
heb te doen.

Ik ben dienstmeid, ik ben tuinman en ik dweil, poets  
en schrob  
En mijn vrouw doet of ze het druk heeft, want ze  
houdt er toezicht op  
Ik loop te zwoegen en te zweten met een hoofd als  
een pioen  
Ik raak verdulleme overspannen, omdat ik toch niets  
heb te doen.

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### De Betekenis van het Motief en de Kleur van vlaggen:



Gisteren liep ik langs het  
Gemeentehuis in Sluis  
waar de Nederlandse  
driekleur vrolijk  
wapperde.  
Er stond een  
Amerikaanse toerist in  
alle ernst  
naar die vlag te staren.  
Hij vroeg me wat nu de  
betekenis is van de

kleuren rood, wit en blauw.

Ik zei tegen hem: "Dat heeft alles te maken met  
de belastingen in Nederland."

"Als we de belastingaangifte in de bus krijgen,  
worden wij rood van woede"

"Als we het te betalen bedrag lezen, trekken we wit  
weg."

"Om ons vervolgens blauw te betalen !"

De Amerikaan knikte begripvol en antwoordde: "Bij  
ons is dat precies hetzelfde, alleen zien wij er nog  
sterretjes bij."



# The vibrant city of Doetinchem



Flag and Coat of Arms

**Doetinchem** is a city and municipality in the east of the Netherlands. It is situated along the Oude IJssel (Old IJssel) river in the province of Gelderland, called the Achterhoek. The municipality has 56,700 inhabitants (1 January 2011) and has an area of 79.66 km<sup>2</sup>. This makes Doetinchem the largest town (by population) in the Achterhoek. On 1 January 2005, a municipal reorganization merged the neighbouring municipality of Wehl into Doetinchem.

## HISTORY

It is known from archaeological finds of skulls, pottery shards, and flint arrowheads that the area was inhabited more than 11,000 years ago. These prehistoric hunters were followed by Celtic and Germanic tribes like the Franks and Saxons. Roman coins have been found and there is also archaeological evidence of the Vikings having plundered the area. The first reference to the name of Doetinchem comes in a document from the year 838 which mentions a 'villa Duetingham', a settlement with a small church. In 887, there is another mention of 'Deutinkem', a fortress with a church which had been given to the then Bishop of Utrecht.

For a long time Doetinchem remained a small place but around 1100 it started to grow and, after suffering several attempts by plunderers, a town wall was built.

In 1236, Doetinchem was granted city rights ('stadsrechten') by Count Otto II of Gelre and Zutphen, and in return the town provided taxes and soldiers for the Count's army. Also, the new city council published rules for the city, codified in the 'Keurboek van Doetinchem' (Rulebook of Doetinchem), which laid down severe punishments for infringements.

In 1226, Doetinchem faced increasing danger from plunderers, and so the city wall was raised by a metre. There were four barriers in the wall which were weak points. They were replaced over time by four large city-gates known as: the Hamburgerpoort (built 1302), the Waterpoort, the Gruitpoort, and the Hezenpoort. Later a moat was dug around the wall and a rampart was built in front. The city's central windmill, the 'Walmolen', stands on the remains of this rampart.

Despite these defences, Doetinchem was besieged many times and during the Eighty Years' War (1568–1648) was besieged and conquered twice. However, eventually the walls became redundant (or perhaps ineffective) and in 1672, they were torn down. However, it was not until the second half of the 19th century that the city-gates and most of the rampart were removed.



The Walmolen



Calgary Highlanders at Doetinchem liberation

destroy the German defences in Doetinchem. Which of the two is true has never really been clarified and there is still some discussion about the true intentions of the bombardment. The city itself was liberated by The Calgary Highlanders in 1945 after a brief battle.

## DISASTERS

Doetinchem has had its fair share of disasters. Apart from the sieges mentioned above, in 1527 a large fire destroyed most of the city including the city archives (which means that many earlier dates in the history of Doetinchem are somewhat unreliable), and in 1580 most of the inhabitants were killed by the plague. There was also occasional flooding. However, despite the fact that Doetinchem is only 6 miles (10 km) from the German border, because the Netherlands was not involved in the First World War, Doetinchem saw nothing more than the posting of a few border guards during that time.

Even during the Second World War, Doetinchem came off fairly lightly at first. There was only a small German occupying force and the city even escaped the worst effects of the Hunger Winter. However, some prisoners were executed after being implicated in the shooting death in Putten of an important German officer by the Dutch Resistance and disastrously, in March and April 1945, the centre of Doetinchem was largely destroyed by Allied bombing which was either intended for nearby German towns or, as some say, was to



# The vibrant city of Doetinchem

## POST WWII

In the decades after world war II, Doetinchem grew and in a few years had outgrown its “competitors” in the Achterhoek, namely Doesburg, Winterswijk and Zutphen. The Dutch company, Philips, had a factory for some years in the city.

From 2003 till 2005, the city grew enormously as new districts such as Dichteren were built and as Doetinchem incorporates outlying villages such as Wehl into its municipality. In 2011, the city is still growing. By building new district as het Loo and Isseldoks, and the opening of a brand new theatre and cinema, Doetinchem is the fastest growing city in Gelderland.



Thumbs up at Rico Bosstraat Dichteren

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On Wednesday, 8 September 2010, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands officially opened the new Amphion theatre in Doetinchem, designed by Mecanoo Architects. Theatre director Henk Raben and architect Francesco Veenstra, showed her majesty around the theatre complex, which replaces the successful Amphion from the 1970s.



The very modern designed Amphion Theatre

**The new Amphion theatre** features slightly reclined facades with sand-coloured masonry and a playful pattern of square windows. From the interior, this creates surprising compositions imbuing each space with its own character.

The audience enters the theatre through an ascending forecourt, which plays the role of a red carpet.

Warm red shades prevail within the spacious interior of four linked foyers. The horseshoe-shaped main auditorium with three balconies and a total of 860 seats maintains an intimate atmosphere, owing to the close proximity of the audience to the stage.

The small 300 seat theatre has its flexibility, due to a flat floor construction, and is almost an exact replica of the small theatre hall of the old Amphion.

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Oude IJssel



The Market

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet.



# Laughter is still the best medicine



### A handsome reward?

An Arab Sheik was admitted to Hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery, the doctors needed to store his blood in case the need arises. As the gentleman had a rare type of blood, it couldn't be found locally, so, the call went out.

Finally a Scotsman was located who had a similar blood type. The Scot willingly donated his blood for the Arab.

After the surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman as appreciation for giving his blood, a new BMW, diamonds & a heap load of US dollars.

A couple of days later, once again, the Arab had to go through a corrective surgery.

His doctor telephoned the Scotsman who was more than happy to donate his blood again.

After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card & a box of Quality Street chocolates.

The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated. He phoned the Arab & asked him: "I thought you would be generous again, that you would give me a BMW, diamonds & money... but you only gave me a thank-you card & a box of Quality Street."

To this the Arab replied: "Aye laddie, but I now have Scottish blood in ma veins".

### Good old paddy McCoy:

Paddy McCoy, an elderly Irish farmer, received a letter from the Department for Work & Pensions stating that they suspected he was not paying his employees the statutory minimum wage and they would send an inspector to interview them.



On the appointed day, the inspector turned up.

"Tell me about your staff," he asked Paddy.

"Well," said Paddy, "there's the farm hand, I pay him £240 a week and he has a free cottage.

Then there's the housekeeper. She gets £190 a week, along with free board and lodging.

There's also the half-wit. He works a 16 hour day,

does 90% of the work, earns about £25 a week along with a bottle of whisky and as a special treat, occasionally gets to sleep with my wife."

"That's disgraceful," said the inspector: "I need to interview the half-wit."

"That'll be me then," said Paddy.

### New Pastor in town:

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store.



As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked: "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied: "Sure! Just go straight down this

street a coupla blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said: "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle: "Awww, come on... You don't even know the way to the Post Office."

### THE BEST AUSSIE PICK UP LINE EVER?

An Aussie walks into a pub and takes a seat next to a very attractive woman.

He gives her a quick glance then casually looks at his watch for a moment.

The woman notices this and asks: "Is your date running late?"

'No', he replies: 'I just got this state-of-the-art watch and I was just testing it.'

The intrigued woman says: 'A state-of-the-art watch?

What's so special about it?'

The Aussie explains: 'It uses alpha waves to talk to me telepathically.'

The lady says: 'What's it telling you now?'

'Well, it says you're not wearing any panties.'

The woman giggles and replies:

'Well it must be broken, because I am wearing panties!'

The Aussie smiles, taps his watch and says:

'Bloomin thing's an hour fast!'

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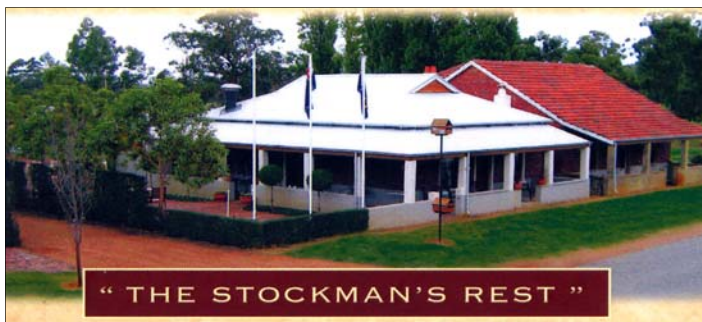
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## ANSWA Commemorative Memorial Service & Reception

### “70th Anniversary Bombing of Broome”

On Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012 ANSWA held their special Memorial Service commemorating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bombing of Broome.

#### A little of the story:

*On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1942 Japanese fighter planes flew over Roebuck Bay in Broome and destroyed many Flying Boats that were in the harbour either waiting to be refuelled or being refuelled for their further flight to safety. On those flying boats were many Dutch women & children and of course Military personal. They had left Java then known as the NEI (Netherlands East Indies) the previous day to escape the advancing Japanese forces. Many of these Dutch were killed on that day and many were not able to be identified. Victims were first buried at the Broome War Cemetery but were later moved to the Perth War Cemetery where a special area – a very peaceful and serene area was set aside for them called the ‘Dutch Annex’.*

ANSWA organized a very successful event with many dignitaries coming from not only Perth but also from the Netherlands and from the Eastern States and New Zealand – all to pay their humble respects.

Amongst the VIPs were the two brothers Kramer whose Aunt Adri Kramer was a victim; also the three brothers Winckel whose father, (still living in New Zealand) Pilot Gus Winckel was a survivor. Mr Gus Winckel became famous for standing his ground with fire arm, at the Broome airstrip firing at a Japanese fighting plane. Unfortunately, due to advancing age Mr Winckel was not able to come across but his 3 sons came for him.



Lieutenant Colonel Herman Verhoef.  
(photo by Stella)

Mr Harry Crijns was the MC for the day and introduced all the VIPs and then the speakers for the day. President of ANSWA Anne Rietveld welcomed all to the service. Dr Nonja Peters gave a speech on the Broome Bombing; and the LC (AF) Defence Attaché for Australia & New Zealand attached to the Dutch Embassy in Canberra Herman Verhoef gave a very informative and welcoming speech on the

Dutch Australian connection. The Dutch Singers were present and sang both the Dutch and the Australian anthems and a hymn – they did very well.

Present also were members of the Air Force who were the Guard of Honour. Also arranged for the day was a young man who was the bugler – he too did a wonderful job.

Mrs Henny Crijns read a very nice poem which was very appropriate for the day and you will find the



words at the end of this article. There was the usual wreath laying and there were a lot of wreaths on this occasion, all beautiful and all very colourful. Of course

there was the ‘Ceremony of the Roses’ where a single rose is placed on each grave in the Annex, this is something that ANSWA does every year. However, just prior to this the brothers Kramer came forward and laid a beautiful bouquet of flowers on the grave of their aunt Adri Kramer, a very moving moment.

After the service a reception was held at the Dutch Club Neerlandia. A light luncheon and drinks were provided, compliments of the Dutch Embassy and this was appreciated by all. Present also were authors of books about the Bombing of Broome, one such author was a Mr Doug Hurst whose book ‘The 4<sup>th</sup> Ally’ was made available, also compliments





Author Doug Hurst

of the Dutch Embassy, to all who were present 'free' and each copy was autographed by Mr Hurst. There were speeches but not too long, there were displays – posters with photos and a description of what it was like in the NEI

and happened in Broome those 70 years ago. Another author Mr Kevin Gomm presented his book 'Red Sun on the Kangaroo Paw' and this was available for purchase at a special table at the club. Also a very good and informative book. That was not the end of the books that were available as the Dutch Embassy also bought out a booklet especially for this Anniversary called 'Broome – 3 March 1942 – 3 March 2012' – this booklet's aim was to provide a varied overview of the events in Broome on 3 March 1942, as well as background information on the Australian-Dutch alliance during World War II. All in all it was a very successful Memorial Service & Reception in commemoration of the Bombing of

Broome 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1942.

"A WISH"

By Maxine Kendall

Maybe it is pointless  
To wish for lasting peace  
For all mankind to lay down arms  
For all fighting to cease.  
I could despair of seeing  
Peace throughout the land  
No longer hearing talk of war  
Blood mixed with desert sand.  
We do not have the tolerance  
For cultures not our own  
Seeds fly on an ill wind  
From beds where they are sown.  
Hope lies in a child's heart  
Not yet turned to stone  
A mind free of prejudice  
A child not alone.  
If children of the world  
Held each others hand  
They would do what we could not  
Make a Brotherhood of Man.

By Henny Crijns

Secretary for ANSWA

## End of Month Drinks celebrates Koninginne Dag

*On Friday the 27th of April, our End of the Month Drinks will be dedicated to "Koninginne Dag." We will celebrate it with a "Speelgoedruil" and a "Kinderkleding Ruil."*

*The Clubhouse will be open from 5.30 pm — 7.30 pm*

*Our Kitchen will be open for: Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! Broodje Frikandel! Broodje Croquette! Broodje Rookworst! Bitterballen!*

*We will also have a Herring Stall!*

*Oranje Bitters will be available from the Bar and the Shop will be open.*

*Wear something Orange to make it look more festive. Come along for a short or long visit, meet up with old friends, enjoy a meal, a snack a drink from the bar or just a cup of coffee!*

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## Glory and Disaster.

The glory and the success-rate of the VOC during its two hundred years of its existence is well documented and my readers will have had a bit of a glimpse of this all during my years of recording the history of my country of birth. As normal in any business, the VOC also had its run of disasters, some due to negligence or miscalculations by the skippers and navigators, some as a result of munity and many others simply due to the endless stretches of ocean they had to cross, enduring storms and having to run a big sailing vessel with an ill and decimated crew, at times hardly able to climb in the rigging to reduce the sail surface when a storm starts blowing up or to hoist more sails when there is hardly any wind to move the ships towards its final destination. A major fact in a ship's life-span are the many builders, who crafted these magnificent and very efficient vessels in their shipyards with timber, sawn from logs in the windmills around, especially in the 'Zaanstreek', all without any power tools and hoists, as we are used to these days. It took around nine months to build and equip a 600 ton trading vessel, an achievement which seems incredible these days, with our present strict safety laws, regulated working hours, health and a host of other restrictions like council, noise and environmental concerns. Historically the best known VOC vessel is the Batavia,



a large Return Ship (Retourschip), meaning it was equipped to take on passengers. The ship took about a year to build in an Amsterdam shipyard in the

year 1628, it was armed with 24 cast iron cannons, a number of light bronze cannons and designed to carry some 650 ton cargo. The magnificent Batavia with its decorated and colourful 'Spiegel' (rear of ship) sailed from Texel on the 29th October 1628 with seven other smaller vessels of different sizes, under Commandeer and 'Opper Koopman' (senior merchant) Francois Pelsaert and skipper Adriaen Jacobsz. Assistant to Francois Pelsaert was the junior merchant Jeronimus Cornelisz, a bankrupt pharmacist from Haarlem, who had to leave Holland because of his heretical beliefs. From the very start this trip was doomed, as the Amsterdam VOC Chamber, apparently without much research or thought had put together two leaders, Pelsaert as the overall Commander and Captain Jacobsz who had to navigate the Batavia, who knew each other already from earlier days and did not like each other much. When well on their way to Cape of Good Hope, Jacobsz and Cornelisz got together with a few others and hatched a plan to highjack this strong

and well armed merchant vessel, carrying chests filled with silver and gold for the trade in Asia. During their stay at the Cape, the skipper and his mates started drunkenly misbehaving in the company of a female passenger Zwaantje Hendrix, the maid of Lucretia van der Mylen, who was a passenger on her way to her husband in Batavia. Pelsaert severely berated the guilty ones in public, thereby increasing the already fragile situation on board. After having left the harbour of Cape of Good Hope, where the fleet had stopped over to take on fresh food and water, skipper Jacobsz deliberately steered the ship off course in order to isolate the Batavia from the seven other vessels. In the next few weeks of sailing, a group of sailors and some soldiers were ready to take control of the Batavia after some more unpleasant incidents on board. Then on the 4th of June 1629 the ship struck a reef near Beacon Island at the Abrolhos group of islands.

The 341 people on board included 38 passengers with women and children, of which some 40 drowned in the turbulent waters while trying to get ashore. The rest is well-known history. Some while trying to escape the bloodthirsty mutineers, drowned in the dangerous waters around the island. Around 125 people were slaughtered by the mutineers during the time it took Pelsaert to sail in a long boat with 37 others to Batavia for help. Pelsaert was ordered by the VOC's Governor General Pieter de Carpentier to return in the vessel Saardam and sort out what had happened and rescue those still alive as well as chests filled with trade gold and silver plus trade goods that could be salvaged.



The 'Eendracht' a retour ship of 700 ton, 32 guns and around 200 crew, was launched in 1615 from a shipbuilding wharf in Amsterdam and captained by thirty five year old Dirk Hartog. The ship set sail direction Batavia from Texel on 23

January 1616 together with several other VOC ships. The fleet got separated during a heavy storm along the west coast of Africa and the Eendracht reached Cape of Good Hope on its own on 5th August 1616. After waiting a few weeks, Dirk Hartog decided to continue the voyage and set sail towards Batavia on the 27th August. He took a more southerly eastern route, direction Australia as was prescribed by the VOC, taking advantage of the prevailing western winds and current. On the 25th October his lookout sighted islands and landed on, now known as Dirk Hartog Island just off Shark Bay, West Australia. Leaving again on 27th October, he left an engraved pewter plate behind, nailed onto a post which was dug into the hard dry soil. Then he set sail again towards Batavia, charting part of the West Australian coastline, calling it "t Landt van d' Eendracht".

The 400 ton VOC ship 'Vianen' was built in Amsterdam in the year 1626 and sailed from Texel to Batavia on the 19th March 1627. The ship arrived at Cape of Good Hope on the 16th July to take on fresh food and water, left again on the 7th August to arrive in Batavia on the 8th October 1627.



As part of a fleet of seven under the command of the departing Governor General of the East Indies Pieter de Carpentier, the Vianen left Batavia for Holland again. Just as the fleet was ready to leave, a valuable cargo had arrived from China and the Vianen was held back from departure to be loaded with 5000 copper ingots. Trying to catch up with the fleet again, it was found that the cargo was shifting, so the Vianen had to return to port again to have its load balanced. However when the ship finally was ready to depart on 20 January, the monsoon had started and prevented captain Gerrit Frederikszoen de Witt to take the usual route through the Sunda Strait and had to set a different course. Strong headwinds drove the ship so far south that it ran aground nearby Barrow Island on the northwest coast of West Australia. The crew managed to refloat the ship again after jettison up to ten last of pepper and a lot of copper ingots. On returning north de Witt charted this part off the coast up till present day Port Hedland, known on later maps as 'De Witt's Land'. Natives were sighted by crew members near Roebourne. The Vianen arrived safely again in Goeree, Zuid Holland on the 8th of November 1627. The Yacht 'Vergulde Draeck', owned by the Amsterdam VOC Chamber, built in Zaandam and armed with 24 guns set sail from Texel to Batavia on the 4th October 1655. This was to be her second and final voyage. It carried a cargo of valuable trade goods together with eight chests filled with silver coin worth some 78.600 florins and a crew of 193 men. Following VOC instructions, Captain Pieter Albertszoon made use of the prevailing trade winds, but sailed too far in the easterly direction from Cape of Good Hope towards Australia before setting course due north. This was a navigational error, due to the fact that the longitude could not be calculated at this period for lack of accurate timing. On the 28th April 1656 the ship struck a reef off the west coast of Australia, just north of Yanchep, near Ledge Point. The 'Vergulde Draeck' broke up immediately, making it almost impossible for the crew to save themselves, even though they managed to launch two of the ship's boats. Only 75 of the total crew managed to get ashore, fighting the cruel waves while the others just did not make it. Only a few of the provisions could be saved. One of the ship's small boats was left undamaged and captain Albertszoon ordered his 'under steerman'



Abraham Leeman to set sail to Batavia with seven men on board. He arrived on the 7th of June 1656 after suffering incredible hardships while

at the same time showing some brilliant seamanship. They reported to Governor General Carel Reyniersz,

(1653-1678) who ordered two vessels, the flute 'Witte Valk' and the yacht 'Goede Hoop' to sail out and rescue as much as possible from what could be recovered. But in the meantime, some 68 people and their captain Albertszoon had to survive.

The Witte Valk could not approach land close enough due to storms and dangerous rough seas, the Goede Hoop managed to land a search party of three men, but they got lost in the bush, never to return. A longboat with an eight men crew to look out for them got driven on the reefs by the pounding surf and were not seen again either. The ships returned to Batavia on the 14th October 1656, reporting that nothing could be found from the Vergulde Draeck. The VOC did not give up however and so in April the following year, the flute 'Vink', leaving the Cape of Good Hope for Batavia was instructed to search once again for the Vergulde Draak. They again had no success in making contact with any survivors or locating the wreckage of the Vergulde Draeck. Repeated search parties failed to find the Vergulde Draak or make contact with any survivors.

It should be recorded however that 'under steerman' Abraham Leeman, returned two years later on the fluit (flute) 'Waeckende Boei' as 'upper steerman' (1st officer), to search for the wreck again. Once again he had to sail in a small boat to Batavia, when rough seas pounding the submerged reefs prevented his longboat, searching for the Vergulde Draeck, to rejoin the Waekende Boei, which was safely riding out the storm in the deep water of the ocean. A truly remarkable feat!

It was in 1931 that many Silver Guilder coins minted in the 17th century were found in the waters north where the Moore River enters the ocean near Ledge Point. That is how the name Guilderton was given to the settlement near the Moore River.

It was about 1670 when the fortunes of the VOC started to decline. The loss of settlements in Formosa (Taiwan) and internal turmoil in China where the Ming Dynasty was replaced with the Qing Dynasty, which ended the VOC's highly profitable silk trade. Though they managed to substitute that for Bengali silk, the supply of silver and gold from Japan dried up because of export restrictions imposed by a new ruling Shogun. Japan, like China, thereby also ceased in 1685 to be an important part of the VOC's valuable Asian trade. The start of all these setbacks was the third Anglo-Dutch Naval War (1672-1674), reducing the economic strength of the VOC, as their heavily laden trading vessels were easy prey for the English Navy and pirates scouring the seas.

During this time, not only the English East India Company became a more aggressive competitor, but also the French and Danish East India Companies were making inroads on the erstwhile Dutch trading monopoly in the Far East.

Sic transit Gloria mundi, or in English - Thus passes the glory of the world.

**Gerard Woerlee.**

# Challenging puzzles by the puzzle Wizard

5	16	6	1	26	3	9		9	3	5	2	11	12	6
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~~A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z~~

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## CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



### How to play the Game:

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number! The codes for only 3 letters are revealed. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

*The last Codebreaker was not one of the easiest, but once you found the words "Epic" and "Geese", you were on the way.*

*The March solution was:*

A=11; B=13; C=22; D=23; E=26; F=25; G=14; H=9; I=20; J=10; K=5; L=2; M=8; N=7; O=19; P=17; Q=3; R=16; S=21; T=6; U=18; V=1; W=24; X=4; Y=15; Z=12.

## Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

### Sudoku - Easy

	2			3	8		7	
		4			7	8		6
	6		4		1	3	2	
			3	1	6		9	8
		3				7		
1	8		9	7	5			
	1	6	5		3		4	
4		5	7			1		
	7		1	8			3	



### Sudoku - Moderate

		2		3				9
			5	9			7	2
1		6					5	
					4			1
		7				8		
6			1					
	8					2		3
2	4			5	3			
7				2		9		

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